Summary
Vegetation MOU Work Group
February 20, 2002

- **Standards summary matrix** – We reviewed the decisions we've made to date, and made some clarifying edits for the ground-based mapping scale.

- **Overlaps and differences in classification rules**

We want to compare the following classification systems:

- Wildlife Habitat Relationships
- Federal Geographic Data Committee
- National Vegetation Classification System
- Manual of California Vegetation
- CalVeg
- Bureau of Reclamation
- Anderson Land Use
- DOC's Farmland Mapping Program
- Multiple Resource Land Classification System

Our discussion showed that developing a comparison table may be difficult and would be best left to a small group to develop a methodology and some examples. Todd Keeler-Wolf, Julie Evens, Hazel Gordon, and Jeff Kennedy volunteered to develop comparison tables for all black oak, white fir, and aspen vegetation/habitat types. They will report on their progress at our April meeting, although we don't expect them to be completely finished.

Ray McDowell will look into finding funding for a student to apply this methodology to all of the vegetation/habitat types.

Ann Chrisney will discuss the possibility of having the Riparian mapping group test this approach with some riparian types as well.

- **Map Unit Design**

We asked participants to identify important attributes that they need associated with each mapping unit (or polygon). We developed an initial table of attributes for each mapping scale. Participants need to share this within their agencies, add new needs if any, and identify which attributes their agency is likely to fund. These will become core attributes.

- **Next Meeting – April 18, 9-noon, 1807 13th Street, Sacramento**

Agenda for our next meeting includes:

- **Classification Rules**

    - Discuss progress, proposed methodology, examples
    - Modify course of action, if needed
    - Student staffing update from Ray
- Map Unit Design
    - Add or change list of attributes
    - Identify core and optional attributes
- Non-Vegetation Cover
    - Decide how we want to handle this (for example, vineyards underneath valley oak woodland). Lump it as one category? Provide some minimal land use data as part of the polygon attributes? Develop a completely separate land use data layer?
- Update on Web Page